

(c) No, Sir. The NCMP states that Water Management in all its aspects, both for irrigation and drinking purposes, will receive urgent attention. The Hon'ble Prime Minister in his address at the 52nd Meeting of National Development Council on 9th December, 2006, has also urged Chief Minister to give high priority to ensuring efficient use of resources in the vital area of water management.

(d) Does not arise.

Irrigated agriculture land

†3015. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been set during the Tenth Five Year Plan to increase the extent of irrigated land;

(b) if so, what was the target; and

(c) the percentage of target achieved therefrom till March, 2006 and percentage of land out of the total agriculture land in the country to be irrigated by the end of Tenth five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A target of creation of 16 774 million hectare of irrigation potential was set for the Tenth Five Year Plan. The target was revised to 10.5 million hectare at the time of Mid Term Appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan.

(c) An irrigation potential of 7.02 million hectare i.e. about 67% of the revised target has been achieved till March, 2006.

According to the Land Use Statistics for 2003-04 compiled by Ministry of Agriculture, the net sown area in the country is estimated to be 140.88 million hectare and net irrigated area is 55.10 million hectare i.e. 39.1%.

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